



## SASHA VISCONTY

*Principal Policy & Planning Specialist*

Sasha Visconty has 25 years of experience in regulatory compliance in Washington State, focusing primarily on marine infrastructure and transportation development projects. She also is a skilled team builder with proven ability to manage blended teams composed of agency and consultant staff. Sasha has extensive familiarity with environmental regulations including: Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation; federal, state, and local permitting and environmental compliance; and documentation for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Sasha has expertise in tribal treaty rights, construction protocols around treaty fishing, Section 106, and tribal programs. Sasha specializes in developing environmental strategies that integrate the environmental and tribal consultation processes into planning, design, and construction. She has extensive and positive working relationships with agencies such as the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Washington State Ferries (WSF), Sound Transit, and the City of Seattle.

### Representative Projects

**West Seattle to Ballard Link Extension (WSBLE), Sound Transit, Seattle, WA.** *Tribal and ESA Strategist.* The WSBLE project will construct a light rail line between West Seattle and Ballard, across the Duwamish River and Salmon Bay and will include new bridge structures in tribal treaty fishing areas for the Suquamish and Muckleshoot tribes. Sasha is providing strategic expertise on tribal consultation, ESA consultation, and ecosystems support. Sasha prepared a tribal plan integrated with the overall project schedule and helps guide the team on treaty fishing considerations. She also provides ESA oversight is preparing the state and federal permitting plan and the ESA consultation plan for the project. These plans account for delivery as either design-build, or design-bid-build.

**Environmental Oversight for Mega Projects, WSDOT/WSF, Western Washington.** *On-Call Environmental Manager.* Sasha provides variable and on-demand environmental management on behalf of the WSDOT Mega Project Office. Her work policy and technical issue resolution, permit strategy development, cross-agency environmental policy coordination, tribal relation and issue support, technical review and oversight of environmental documents, and construction environmental compliance. Projects include the Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement, SR 520 Bridge Replacement and HOV Program, I-405 Corridor Program (see writeup below), Gateway Program (SR 509 and 167 Completion projects), and the WSF Seattle Multimodal Ferry Terminal at Colman Dock Project (see below).

**Waterfront Seattle Program—Piers 62, Pier 63 and Waterfront Park (Pier 58), City of Seattle.** Sasha provides environmental strategy and tribal consultation support to the City for reconstruction of three large piers on the waterfront. On Pier 62 she helped negotiate the DNR lease agreement and



#### EDUCATION

M.M.A., Marine Affairs, University of Washington, 1997  
B.A., Editorial Journalism / Environmental Policy, University of Washington, 1993

#### EXPERTISE

Endangered Species Act Compliance  
NEPA/SEPA Documentation  
Tribal Treaty Rights  
Environmental Compliance and Permitting  
Environmental Project Management  
Marine and Nearshore Ecology  
Regulatory Requirements

#### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Qualified Senior Writer for Biological Assessment, WSDOT

tribal agreements with the Muckleshoot and Suquamish tribes. On Waterfront Park and Pier 63 she developed an agency outreach plan and permit strategy. She supports the City in the tribal consultation with both the Muckleshoot and Suquamish tribes, with a treaty fishing agreement and operational protocols expected in early 2021.

**I-405 Corridor and Gateway Program Tribal and Environmental Support, Washington State Department of Transportation, King County, WA. *Environmental Oversight.*** Sasha provides tribal and environmental support to the I-405 and Gateway (SR 167 and SR 509 Completion projects) programs on behalf of the WSDOT Mega Project Office, which includes the SR 520, AWV, I-405, and Gateway programs. She provides strategic and tactical support on a range of issues including tribal treaty rights, NEPA, ESA, permitting, and environmental compliance. She worked with WSDOT management and the Attorney General's Office on culvert replacement agreements with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe on the I-405 corridor. She has provided tribal consultation support on treaty rights and culverts on all of the mega programs.

**Seattle Multimodal Ferry Terminal at Colman Dock Project, Washington State Ferries, Seattle, WA. *Environmental Lead.*** Provided environmental strategy, tribal engagement, permitting, compliance, and schedule oversight and support for ESA and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) compliance, tribal U&A (Usual & Accustomed) consultation, permits, and habitat mitigation for the reconstruction of the WSF Seattle Ferry Terminal in Seattle, Washington. The project advanced on an aggressive schedule which led to several significant design changes during the ESA and permitting process and the construction date was moved up. Sasha supported the complex tribal consultation with the Muckleshoot and Suquamish tribes, and prepared draft tribal treaty fishing agreements and operations protocols.

**Elliott Bay Seawall Replacement Project, Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle WA. *Tribal/ESA/MMPA Lead.*** Sasha provided tribal, environmental strategy, ESA, and MMPA services for the City of Seattle Seawall Project. She was the project tribal lead responsible for delivering the tribal U&A strategy with 2 tribes, integrated into the overall environmental and cultural resources strategy. Sasha supported negotiations with the Muckleshoot and Suquamish tribes and drafted treaty agreements for each. She was the City of Seattle's representative for preparation of the biological assessment and Incidental Harassment Authorization. She also supported the permitting team and helped facilitate issue resolution on stormwater treatment.

**SR 520 Floating Bridge Replacement Program, WSDOT, Seattle to Redmond, WA. *Tribal and Environmental Strategist.*** Sasha was responsible for developing the SR 520 ESA and tribal strategy plans at the staff, policy, and executive levels for the SR 520 Tribal Replacement Project across Lake Washington and the Pontoon Construction Site in Aberdeen. She supported tribal negotiations on both projects and drafted settlement agreements for the Muckleshoot and Quinault tribes. She provided issue resolution support with WSDOT and agency management to ensure the project stayed on schedule. This required experience working within the Lake Washington Ship Canal and Lake Washington, and a comprehensive understanding of regulatory and tribal considerations within this system.

**Fire Station 5 Float Replacement Project, City of Seattle Financial and Administrative Service (FAS), Seattle, WA. *Environmental Lead.*** Sasha is the environmental lead responsible for ESA, permitting and tribal consultation for modernization of the Fire Station 5 float in Elliott Bay. The project includes off-site mitigation for additional overwater structure.